

## MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

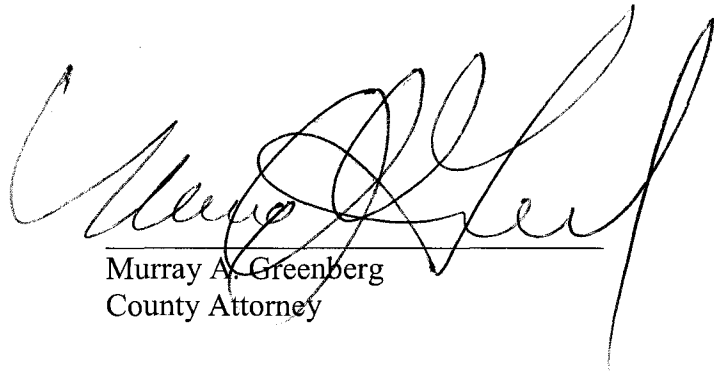
**DATE:** April 24, 2007

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution dedicating the  
Opa-locka Head  
Start/Early Head Start  
Center in honor of Mrs.  
Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

Veto \_\_\_\_\_

Override \_\_\_\_\_

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4-24-07

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE OPA-LOCKA HEAD  
START/EARLY HEAD START CENTER IN HONOR OF MRS.  
OPHELIA E. BROWN-LAWSON AND NAMING THIS  
COUNTY-OWNED BUILDING THE OPHELIA E. BROWN-  
LAWSON COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT CENTER

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Board of Directors, recognizes the public service career of Mrs. Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson and passed a Resolution recommending that the Board of County Commissioners dedicate the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33125, in her honor; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has conducted a public hearing to consider naming the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center as the “Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center;” and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has maintained a sterling record of helping low-income children, families and the elderly of this community for over 40 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has been faithfully serving Miami-Dade County since 1966 when she began her career in public service as a Head Start Teacher Assistant; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brown-Lawson was appointed the director of the Community Action Agency (CAA) Head Start in 1982 and given the task of providing direct administrative oversight of 69 Head Start Centers and 700 employees serving approximately 5000 children and families with an annual budget of \$28 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1995 she was appointed the Executive Director of CAA with a staff of more than 1200 employees and volunteers and an annual budget of \$67 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brown-Lawson consistently and tirelessly put forth stalwart efforts as an advocate, leader, and supporter for the economically disadvantaged in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, her impact improved the lives of so many in this County by enhancing the context of the community through the provision of social, educational, and economic development initiatives, services, and activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Brown-Lawson has gained national recognition for her role as a Head Start Director when President George H.W. Bush honored her in a special celebration at the White House Rose Garden; and

**WHEREAS**, she created an enduring legacy by positively shaping the lives of individuals, families and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, although Mrs. Brown-Lawson's other achievements are too numerous to list, the Board of County Commissioners, following the Miami-Dade Community Action Agency Board of Directors' recommendation, would like to recognize her dedication and integral involvement with the Head Start program by naming the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33125, the "Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center,"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board finds Mrs. Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson has made a direct, significant lifetime contribution to Miami-Dade County, and names the proposed Opa-locka Head Start/Early Head Start Center, located at 1645 NW 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Miami, FL 33125, the "Ophelia E. Brown-Lawson Community Enrichment Center;" this designation is being made pursuant to Section 2-1, Rule 9.02 of the Code of Miami-Dade County by a three-fifths vote of the Board members present.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Vice-Chairwoman Barbara J. Jordan and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Mandana Dashtaki

